

DAILY PLANET

ALL THE NEWS THAT FITS

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Associate Director Susan Smith Planning to Retire by Year End

Marshall Associate Director Susan McGuire Smith has announced her plans to retire from NASA by the end of the year. She is planning to work with her husband in the family business. She joined NASA in 1974, serving in the Office of General Counsel at Headquarters. In 1980, she transferred to Marshall as deputy chief counsel and was appointed chief counsel in 1982. She served in that position until 1996 when she was named the Center's associate director.

STS-87 Mission Briefings to Air on NASA TV Wed. Beginning At 8 a.m. CST

Employee Information Update, 9 a.m. Thurs. in Morris Auditorium

Space Shuttle Technology Leads to Tumor-Fighting Drugs

A treatment called Photodynamic Therapy is using tiny pinhead-size Light Emitting Diodes (LEDs) -- developed for NASA's Space Shuttle plant growth experiments -- to activate light-sensitive, tumor-treating drugs. Experiments indicate that when special tumor-fighting drugs are illuminated with LEDs, the tumors are more effectively destroyed than with conventional surgery. The research program is managed by Marshall's Technology Transfer Office.

Lunch & Learn on Living Wills Planned for Noon Thurs. in Morris

Living wills will be the topic of a Lunch & Learn seminar noon - 12:45 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 13, in Morris Auditorium. Presenters will be Dr. C. L. Kinzer, a family physician; Peggy Matzkiw, director of Critical Care and Surgical Nursing; and Elizabeth Abel, a lawyer with Lanier, Ford, Shaver & Payne. Civil service employees, on-site contractors and their family members may attend.

Marshall Center Closed Tues. for Veterans Day